

CLAIMS

- 5 1. (presently amended) A method to execute a plugin, comprising the steps of:
transmitting the plugin through a network to several computers;
transmitting requests for execution of the plugin through the network to the several
10 computers;
causing the several computers to execute the plugin;
wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the plugin caused to be executed on the several computers
15 causes the several computers to transmit data for monitoring purposes to a further
computer connected through a network.
2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 characterized in that the plugin is taken
from a data bank of many plugins.
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3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, characterized in that the plugin is
generated automatically by means of an interactive surfing session.
4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, characterized in that the plugin is
25 transmitted to the several computers, which are geographically separated and that this
plugin causes these computers to execute the plugin simultaneously or not
simultaneously.
5. (Canceled)
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6. (previously presented) The method of claim 5~~1~~, characterized in that the further
computer connected through a network is caused to transmit data to a computer.
7. (previously presented) Computer program containing computer program code,

characterized in that it is suitable to cause the several computers to execute the steps of the method in accordance with claim 1.

8. (previously presented) Computer-readable medium containing computer program
5 code, characterized in that it is suitable for causing the several computers to execute the steps of the method in accordance with claim 1.

9. (new) A method to execute a plugin, comprising the steps of
10 transmitting, from a first computer, the plugin through a network to several computers;
transmitting, from the first computer, requests for execution of the plugin through the network to the several computers;

15 causing the several computers to execute the plugin;

wherein the plugin caused to be executed on the several computers causes the several computers to transmit data for monitoring purposes to a further computer connected through a network, the further computer being distinct from the first computer.

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10. (new) A method to execute a plugin, comprising the steps of:

transmitting, from a first computer, the plugin through a network to several computers;
25 transmitting, from the first computer, requests for execution of the plugin through the network to the several computers;

causing the several computers to execute the plugin;

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wherein the plugin caused to be executed on the several computers causes the several computers to test a further computer, which is distinct from the first computer

11. (new) The method of claim 10, wherein the test determines whether the further
5 computer is reachable.

12. (new) The method of claim 10, wherein the test determines whether the further computer is operative.

10 13. (new) The method of claim 10, wherein the test determines whether the further computer has certain characteristics.

14. (new) The method of claim 10, wherein the test is a load test on the further
15 computer.